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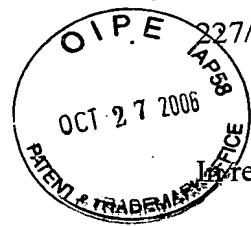
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Sir:

The present application, U.S. Application No. 10/519,024, is a U.S. national stage of PCT Application No. PCT/IL2003/000533. Applicants hereby submit an Information Disclosure Statement citing art.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP §2001.06 and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies¹ of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
Benny PESACH et al.

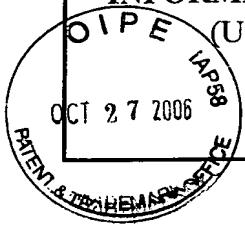
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2.	4,281,645	04 Aug '81	JOEBSIS			
3.	4,385,634	31 May '83	BOWEN			
4.	4,807,633	28 Feb '89	FRY			
5.	5,127,409	07 Jul '92	DAIGLE			
6.	5,161,531	10 Nov '92	PARSONS et al.			
7.	5,348,002	20 Sep '94	CARO			
8.	5,497,770	12 Mar '96	MORCOS et al.			
9.	5,713,356	03 Feb '98	KRUGER			
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